THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of 'Development of Sanskrit Education', eminent elderly scholars of Sanskrit, whose age is above 55 years and annual income is less than the grant admissible, are given Rs. 3000/-per annum. Previously, it was Rs. 1800/-per annum, which was increased from the year 1980-81.

(c) Since this is an ordinary financial assistance, the question of giving DA etc. does not arise.

(d) The question of enhancement of present amount is under consideration of the Ministry.

Mehroltra Committee's recommendations for Librarians and Physical Instructors

531. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRl ASHWANI KUMAR;

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Menhrotra Committee's recommendations for Librarians and Physical Instructors of various Universities and colleges in the country regarding their pay-scales and other facilities;

(b) the details of the decisions if any, taken thereon; and

(c) what is the reaction of teachers' organisations thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a)The Mehrotra Committee, in Part B of its report, had recommended the same pattern of pay scales and career advancement for Librarians and DPEs as they had recommended for teachers in Universities and colleges. The Committee had also ret mended that the details concerning recruitment, qualifications, career advancement, etc.. should be worked out by an Expert Committee. Accordingly, the UGC had appointed an Expert Committee which has since recommended the details of qualifications, etc.

(b) The recommendations are under examination and the decision is likely to be taken shortly.

(c) The organisations of Librarians and DPEs have been demanding an early revision of their pay scales and also the maintenance of parity in pay sca'les and other facilities between them and the teachers.

Oil pollution at Bombay Port Trust

532. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports of oi pollution that took place in Bombay Port in October;

(b) whether the proposal of the Bombay Port Trust to purchase suitable oil pollution control vessel has been pending with the Government since 1985 and global tenders invited could' be decided upon; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and action proposed to acquire such vessel early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) The Bombay Port Trust has intimated that there were reports from various quarters from 27-9-87 to 30-9-87 that oil was found floating in Bombay Harbour.

(b) The proposal from Bombay Port Trust to purchase an oil-cum-solid waste recovery craft was received in October 1986.

(c) The technical specifications of the vessel needed to be scrutinized and certain modifications were found necessary. One Of the tenderers also increased the price quoted earlier necessitating a fresh evaluation of the price offers.